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Title: CONTROLLING SCHEME FOR
STAND-BY BRAKING TORQUE
APPLIED TO AUTOMOTIVE
VEHICLE

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REPLY TO APRIL 23, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 23, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 were pending in the application. No claims have been canceled or amended by way of this reply. Thus, claims 1 to 20 are submitted for reconsideration at this time.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 to 17. Claims 4 to 17 are dependent upon claim 3, and are considered to be allowable for at least the following reasons with respect to claim 3, in addition to the further patentable features recited therein. Allowance of claims 4 to 17 is earnestly solicited.